

more than 40 years, Richard has actively been involved with the Knights of Columbus, and from 1983–84 he was honored to hold one of the highest positions of distinction as Grand Knight.

Richard and Loretta's friendly faces are a welcome sight throughout the tight-knit community of Seekonk. Their contributions to their hometown are invaluable and serve as examples to us all of how to make our world a better place. Both Richard and Loretta have spent countless hours working in the Seekonk Public Schools. Richard worked in various custodial positions at both the Pleasant Street School and the George C. Martin School while Loretta worked as a kindergarten teacher's aide at the Anne C. Greene School. Over the years, Loretta has also become a familiar face in the Seekonk Town Assessor's office and now, even after her retirement, continues to work part-time in the office of the Veterans' Agent. Along the way, Richard and Loretta have made many lasting and loving friendships, always keeping their family close at hand.

Richard and Loretta's life together truly has been an inspiration to all who have had the pleasure to be in their company, especially their 3 daughters and their beloved grandchildren, Amy Lynn, Robert, Michaela, Joshua, Brittanie and Chase. On June 7, Richard and Loretta's family and friends will gather together in celebration to honor this tremendous milestone in their remarkable life together.

Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I humbly ask that the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Richard and Loretta Veader on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary and wish them many more years of continued happiness and prosperity.

HONORING BRIAN CLEEK

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Brian Cleek of Liberty, Missouri. Brian is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1374, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Brian has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Brian has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Brian Cleek for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MS. MAMIE D. FOLINO

HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2008

Mr. McCOTTER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor Ms. Mamie D. Folino, a valued member of the Northville community, and mourn her upon her passing at age 77.

Ms. Mamie D. Folino was known in the Northville community for her service work and her efforts to preserve heritage in the area. Mamie Folino was born on August 24, 1930, in Detroit, Michigan and was a proud graduate of Fordson High School and Cleary College. Ms. Folino was an extremely active member of her community. Mamie participated in the Mainstreet '78 Project, which revitalized the landscaping along the downtown area. Mamie also volunteered at International Festivals after she had retired as an office manager at her late husband's State Farm Insurance Agency. Ms. Folino became a prevalent member of the community when she became a dynamic component of the Northville Chamber of Commerce, which helped the community prosper. Mamie was also involved with the Northville Historical Society to conserve the culture of the area. Furthermore, Mamie Folino was a devoted member of Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church.

Sadly, Ms. Mamie Folino passed away on May 13, 2008. Mamie was highly regarded in the community for her involvement, but her love for her family and her pets always came first in her life. To her daughters, Teresa and Paula (Gary); her granddaughter, Domenica; her siblings, Charles, Domenic, Prudy, Mary (Jim), and Frank (Charlyn); and to everyone that knew and loved her, Ms. Mamie D. Folino was a woman who tended to the preservation of culture and history and was a dedicated member of the community.

Madam Speaker, during her lifetime, Ms. Mamie D. Folino enriched the lives of everyone around her by exhibiting kindness, cooperation, and dedication. As we bid farewell to this outstanding individual, I ask my colleagues to join me in mourning her passing and honoring her many years of loyal service to the community and our country.

A TRIBUTE TO ANNE D'HARNONCOURT

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2008

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor a great Philadelphian and a giant of America's cultural community, Anne d'Harnoncourt. Ms. d'Harnoncourt came to the Philadelphia Museum of Art in 1967 and became curator of 20th century art in 1972. She became the museum's director in 1982, beginning a renaissance at the venerable institution.

Ms. d'Harnoncourt has been justifiably credited with being responsible for launching Philadelphia's modern concept of cultural tourism with a blockbuster 1996 Cezanne retrospective that drew a record 800,000 viewers. She

provided the drive and the vision needed to launch a \$590 million expansion and renovation of the museum and completed the opening of the architecturally and historically significant Perelman annex.

Most recently Miss d'Harnoncourt had landed the Art Museum an enviable spot at the Venice Biennale, curating the American Pavilion with a major Bruce Nauman show. And, perhaps most importantly, she led our city's unprecedented effort to keep The Gross Clinic in the city.

Anne d'Harnoncourt had an unmatched impact on the world of art. Through her pioneering of the blockbuster exhibit, she had an equally unmatched impact on Philadelphia's economy. But, her true impact was most felt in the lives of Philadelphia's children.

Under Ms. d'Harnoncourt's leadership, the Philadelphia Museum of Art has devoted significant staff and monetary resources to exciting and innovative educational efforts for our kids. The museum has developed curricula and exhibits designed to teach children the arts, math and history. Every exhibit in the museum is welcoming to kids and the sight of busloads of delighted, beaming faces brings joy to everyone who sees them.

Madam Speaker, Anne d'Harnoncourt is one of those once in a lifetime people who can never be replaced. She will be sorely missed. But, because of her work, her legacy will live forever.

IN HONOR OF MARIANNE VITTARDI

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2008

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Marianne Vittardi, as her friends and family gather in celebration of her 80th birthday.

Mrs. Vittardi was born in 1928 in Cleveland Ohio to Regina and Jack Zuccola. Marianne's mother and second dad, Ed Krumheuer, raised Marianne, her brother Larry and their beloved sister Carol Jean in Parma on Maplecrest Ave.

Marianne is the loving wife of over 50 years to her husband Jerry, devoted mother to her children, Richard, Renee, Gerianne, Marty, Mickey and Ed. Marianne is the grandmother of thirteen and great-grandmother of eleven. She is awaiting the arrival of her twelfth great-grandchild this year and prays for many more in the future. Great Grandma Vittardi and her family hold a very special place in their hearts for baby Jack and baby Blake.

Parma would remain the city in which Jerry and Marianne would raise their own family. It is also where they became interested in local government. In 1961, Marianne stood by her husband's side during his successful bid for city council. It was the beginning of a lifetime of civic duty for the Vittardi family. It was also where Marianne's reputation for being hard working, knowledgeable and dependable was gained for organizing political campaigns. Marianne was called upon to be the chairperson of campaigns by Governor Richard Celeste, Senator Howard Metzenbaum, Congressman Ron Mottl, Attorney General Lee Fisher, Parma Mayor Michael Ries and for her son Councilman Martin Vittardi.